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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

July 20, 2005

Sir:

In response to the election/restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action dated June 28, 2005, the Applicant elects to further prosecute in this case the claims of Species 1, namely claims 1-3 drawn to Figures 1-6.

I hereby certify that this correspondence and/or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to "Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450" on July 20, 2005.

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This election is made without prejudice to filing divisional applications directed to the subject matter of the non-elected species.

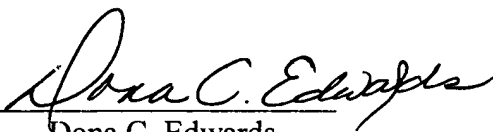
Should any changes to the claims and/or specification be deemed necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned to discuss the same.

It is believed that this Response is being timely filed. In the event that any other extensions and/or fees are required for the entry of this Response, the Patent and Trademark Office is specifically authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0518 in the name of Steinberg & Raskin, P.C.

An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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